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SUBJECT: SPOKANE 1974 INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION

1. DEPARTMENT IN RECEIPT OF COPY OF LETTER MAILED
MAY 29 BY M. L. ALTER, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND
GENERAL MANGER OF SPOKANE EXPO '74 TO WILLIAM F. ROPE OF
USLO, PEKING. ALTER LETTER REQUESTS ROPE TO PASS PRC
ACCOMPANYING MATERIALS RE EXPO TOGETHER WITH INVITATION
TO PARTICIPATE.

2. USLO SHOULD BE AWARE THAT SPOKANE EXPO HAS BEEN
OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED BY THE BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL
EXPOSITIONS IN PARIS AS A SPECIAL CATEGORY INTERNATIONAL
EXPOSITION. UNDER THE CONVENTION GOVERNING REGIS-
TRATION OF SUCH EXPOS US IS OBLIGATED TO INVITE ALL
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ATTEND. ACCORDINGLY, ROC HAS BEEN INVITED AND PLANS PARTICIPATION.

3. ANY APPEARANCE OF OFFICIAL US ENDORSEMENT OF INVITATION TO PRC UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES IS LIABLE TO MISINTERPRETATION BY THE PRC AS ADOPTION OF "TWO-CHINA" POLICY AND WOULD BE REJECTED, PERHAPS WITH A PROTEST.

4. THIS PROBLEM HAS BEEN POINTED OUT TO EXPO OFFICIALS

ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. IT WAS MADE CLEAR TO THEM THAT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES IT WAS OUT OF THE QUESTION FOR USG TO TAKE ANY ACTION WHICH WOULD EVEN IMPLY OFFICIAL BACKING FOR AN INVITATION. ACCORDINGLY, ROPE SHOULD NOT RPT NOT PASS INVITATION AND MATERIALS TO PRC. SUGGEST HE REPLY TO ALTER INFORMING HIM THAT SINCE OFFICIAL INVITATION HAS BEEN ISSUED TO ROC, INVITATION CANNOT BE PASSED TO PRC BY USG OFFICIAL. ROPE MAY WISH TO REITERATE POINT WE HAVE MADE THAT IT IS UNLIKELY THAT PRC WOULD WISH TO PARTICIPATE ALONGSIDE ROC IN ANY EVENT, BUT SHOULD ALTER WISH TO PURSUE THIS MATTER HE SHOULD APPROACH THE PRC PRIVATELY RATHER THAN THROUGH USG CHANNELS. RUSH

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